

6.8.8.6 FIREARMS QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT – CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON (CCW) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

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Every peace officer, as designated in PC §12027, employed by the City of Long Beach who retires in good standing may request to receive on their retired identification certificate an endorsement stating that the issuing agency approves the officer carrying a concealed weapon. PC §12027.1 establishes the procedure relative to the certification of retired peace officers to carry concealed firearms, including procedures to deny or revoke such privilege.

Pursuant to the passage of HR 218, the “Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act,” which exempts qualified retired state and local officers from prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms, the following also applies:

- 1) A qualified retired law enforcement officer is defined as an individual who has retired in good standing from service with a government agency as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of fifteen (15) years or more for reasons other than mental instability, **or** retired from such an agency due to a service-connected disability after completing any applicable probationary period of such service.
- 2) They were authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or the incarceration of any person for any violation of law.
- 3) They had statutory powers of arrest.
- 4) They have a non-forfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency for which he or she was employed.
- 5) They must meet, at their own expense, the same standards for qualification with a firearm as an active officer with the state in which they reside.
- 6) They may not be under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.
- 7) Retired officers will be required to go through Live-Scan prior to receiving their renewal.
- 8) If the retired officer lives out of state, they must have two ink fingerprint cards completed.
- 9) They are not prohibited by Federal law from possessing a firearm.

Pursuant to the CCW endorsement, the retiree must conform to a range qualification schedule. Retired officers must qualify every year with the concealed weapon they carry. If the retired officer lives less than 400 miles from the Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range, they must qualify at our range as part of their CCW endorsement renewal.

If the retired officer lives more than 400 miles from the Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range, they must qualify at a range that is part of a certified law enforcement

academy. The Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range will validate the certification for the range used for qualification. Each application will be reviewed on an individual basis.

The exception to this policy would be the retired officer who does not wish to be CCW nationwide and therefore does not need to qualify every year or be in compliance with HR 218. For those retirees, qualification every five years will be sufficient for the City of Long Beach and the State of California.

All retired officer ID cards with the CCW endorsement will have an expiration date corresponding to either a one-year qualification requirement or a five-year qualification requirement.

Penal Code Section 12027.1(b)(2) says “a retired police officer may have his or her privilege to carry a concealed firearm revoked or denied by violating any departmental rule, or state or federal laws that, if violated by an officer on active duty, would result in that officer’s arrest, suspension, or removal from the agency.”